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To:

Public Health, Safety and Welfare Committee

From:

Carol Price

Date:

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SB2

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee;

My name is Carol Price, I am a registered dental hygienist, and I am here to support SB2. I am currently serving my second term on the Montana Board of Dentistry and am here to offer my personal testimony.

I have been practicing dental hygiene for over 20 years. In **reality**, in every dental office I have ever worked in, the hygienist is the first to see the child. The hygienist takes the necessary xrays, completes the cleaning, performs an assessment on the teeth and places sealants. Most often, this is done before the dentist ever enters the room.

Hygienists are college educated, board certified dental practitioners and are most definitely capable of providing sealants in a public school setting. I hope you will all do the right thing for the youth of Montana.

Thank you for your time. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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